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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
Executive Assistant to the DD/A

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Director, Policy Guidance Staff

FROM: [REDACTED]  
PGS/RMS

SUBJECT: The DCI's Annual Report to the Congress

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1. As you may know, the Policy Guidance Staff at RMS is responsible for assisting the DCI in pulling together his Annual Report to the Congress. Last year's report was particularly well received and its format - which included statements by the DCI and reports from the individual National Foreign Intelligence Program Managers - seemed the best way to cover both national and departmental intelligence matters. I will recommend to the DCI that the same format be followed this year, although it is clear that the scope and content of the report will be somewhat different for 1980.

2. In order to provide the DCI with some ideas for the 1980 report, I am seeking to gather thoughts from officers on his staff or other key staffers within the Community. I would appreciate it if you would take the time to give me your views from your unique vantage point, on:

- The major substantive problems faced by the Intelligence Community and the DCI in 1980, some thoughts about those that were handled successfully and those that remain a problem.
- Those issues the Community will have to face in the near term, and those longer term matters that might be appropriate for discussion in an annual report.
- The significant developments in Community management procedures and what might be done to improve them.
- Legislation that affects intelligence and lastly, some thoughts about the relationship between the Community and the Congress.

3. I do not expect or need a fully staffed or coordinated reply - I am more interested in generating ideas. I will be asking other staffers in key positions for similar inputs and I hope to be able to review and intergrate these contributions by mid-October. I will be working with [REDACTED] who worked on the report last year, has agreed to assist us. Your advice will be much appreciated. If you have any further questions, please contact me on 376-5587.

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*The 1979 Annual Report follows under separate cover.*